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# Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity

## Report of the Second Committee*

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## I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 19 (see A/66/440, para. 2). Action on sub-item (f) was taken at the 34th and 36th meetings, on 10 and 22 November 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.34 and 36).

## II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.29 and A/C.2/66/L.55

2. At the 34th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (A/C.2/66/L.29), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
>
> "*Recalling* its resolutions 64/203 of 27 December 2009 and 65/161 of 20 December 2010 and previous resolutions relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity,
>
> "1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the progress of work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;
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> "2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 4 to 6 June 2012

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"3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of biological diversity;

"4. *Invites* the secretariat of the Convention to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

"5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled 'Sustainable development', the sub-item entitled 'Convention on Biological Diversity'."

3. At its 36th meeting, on 22 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity" (A/C.2/66/L.55), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.29.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.55 had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.55 (see para. 7).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.55, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.29 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

# III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

## Convention on Biological Diversity

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolutions 64/203 of 21 December 2009 and 65/161 of 20 December 2010 and previous resolutions relating to the Convention on Biological Diversity,[1]

*Acknowledging* the importance of the upcoming United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the progress of work of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention;[2]

2. *Notes* the ongoing preparatory process of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012;

3. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of biological diversity;

4. *Notes with appreciation* the offer of the Government of India to host the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, to be held from 8 to 19 October 2012, and the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol, to be held from 1 to 5 October 2012;

5. *Invites* the secretariat of the Convention to report, through the Secretary-General, to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session on the work of the Conference of the Parties;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Convention on Biological Diversity".

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1760, No. 30619.

[2] See A/66/291, chap. III.